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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rules 1.56 and 1.98, References AA-AL (sheet 1 of 2) and AA-AE (sheet 2 of 2) listed on Form PTO-1449 are cited and discussed on Pages 10, 12, 16, 29 and 30 of the referenced patent application and are brought to the

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attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

The remaining references listed on Form PTO-1449 are also brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) is enclosed with a copy of each and every reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

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